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Bangalore, April 28: Three students of Bangalore Institute of Technology have released upgraded version of a software 'fireCOMME' to overcome limitations of the highly restricted Internet shell access service.

It has two components — fireCONNECT and fireBROWSE. The former is basically a terminal program used for the sole purpose of logging into the shell account, while the latter is a HTML 2.0 compliant web browser, which is used to surf the web. fireCOMME ver 1.1 is written in Borland Delphi 3.0 by Mayur Poddar, Prakash Rand Suresl V Selvaraj of BIT (Department of Computer Science & Engineering).

fireCOMME is a freeware and can be downloaded fromhttp://members.xoom.com/firecomme/index.htm.

It is a 32-bit software, which allows browsing the Internet graphically, to some extent, using shell account access (VSNL students/general shell accounts). It allows the user to view web pages with all the formatting present.

The web page appears as viewed using a regular browser such as Netscape Navigator or Internet Explorer, with the "images" option turned off. The web pages are seen with all the other colours, fonts etc., intact.

The greatest advantage using fireCOMME is that works equally well at all connect speeds, even at surprisingly low speeds of 1.2 Kbps.